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The Westminster Police Department is currently investigating an incident involving a theft and assault with a handgun that occurred at a local retail establishment. On Monday November 21, 2011 at approximately 3:00 pm, two African American males entered the Wal-Mart located at 280 Woodward Rd. Westminster, Md in an attempt to steal flat screen televisions.

Once inside the Wal-Mart, the suspects separated and each took a flat screen television from display and proceeded to exit the Wal-Mart without paying for the merchandise. When one of the suspects was confronted by a Wal-Mart employee the suspect displayed an unknown caliber handgun and threatened the employee. The suspect then fled the store with the television in an unknown direction. This suspect has been described as an African American male, 5'10 - 6'00", approximately 180 - 200lbs, in his mid 30s.

The second suspect was detained by Wal-Mart staff and taken into custody by police. The suspect in custody was identified as Edwin Lamont Perkins, 49 years of age from Hagerstown. Perkins was arrested and has been charged with Theft: Less \$1,000, False Statement to an Officer, Attempted Theft Less \$1,000, and Conspiracy to Commit Theft less \$1,000. Perkins is currently being held at the Carroll County Detention Center on \$25,000 bond. The merchandise that Perkins was attempting to steal has been recovered.

Any individual with information about this incident or the identity of the unknown suspect should contact Det. Jeffrey Schuster of the Westminster Police Department, Criminal Investigation Division at 410-848-4646.

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